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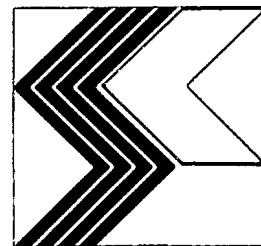
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# CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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Nancy Smith

Dear Sir:

RE: By-law No. 90-281 entitled "A By-law to  
Designate the Property at 92 Geneva Street  
to be of Historic or Architectural Value  
or Interest" FILE: 10.64.120

Enclosed is a copy of the above-noted by-law which was enacted by City Council on July 16th 1990. This by-law designates the interior of the British Methodist Episcopal Church as outlined in Schedule "B" attached thereto.

As you know, the exterior of the British Methodist Episcopal Church was designated in 1980 by By-law No. 80-439.

Delores Tobin  
Assistant Clerk (Legislation)

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Enclosure

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CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

BY-LAW NO. 90-281

A By-law to designate the property at 92 Geneva Street to be of historic or architectural value or interest.

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, authorizes the council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality and the buildings and structures thereon, to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS property under the Ontario Heritage Act means real property and includes all buildings or structures thereon;

AND WHEREAS by By-law No. 80-439 The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines designated the property hereinafter described to be of architectural and historic value or interest for the reasons set forth in Schedule "B" thereto;

AND WHEREAS no notice of objection to the said proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of the City of St. Catharines;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES enacts as follows:

1. The property, more specifically described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, known as No. 92 Geneva Street is hereby designated to be of historic or architectural value or interest for the reasons set forth in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
2. The City Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of St. Catharines.
4. That the Mayor and Clerk be and each of them is hereby authorized to sign heritage preservation easement agreements and other related documents pertaining to the said designation and that the Clerk is further authorized to affix the corporate seal thereto.


READ a first and second time this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1990.  
READ a third time and passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1990.

  
CLERK

  
MAYOR

CERTIFIED under the Hand of the Clerk and the  
Seal of the  
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES  
to be a TRUE COPY of By-law 90-281  
of the Corporation of the City of St. Catharines

DATED the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1990

  
Deputy Clerk of the Corporation of  
the City of St. Catharines

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 90-281

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of St. Catharines, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara and being composed of all of Lot No. 3753, Corporation Plan No. 2.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The lands and buildings of the British Methodist Episcopal Church were designated a heritage structure under the terms of the Ontario Heritage Act, in 1980. The designating By-law No. 80-439, cites the church's historical significance in the settlement of the black population in St. Catharines; it also cites the architectural significance of the exterior of the church as an example of a 19th century church found in the Southern United States. By-law No. 90-28/ designates the interior of the British Methodist Episcopal Church as property of historic or architectural value or interest, in order that both the interior and the exterior of the church be included in the terms of designation.

The architectural significance of the interior of the British Methodist Episcopal Church is exhibited in the following features;

- The plaster cove surrounding the top of the walls of the interior of the Church is a unique original feature.
- The walls and ceiling were originally plaster on wood lath. Most of the original colours and patterns though hidden below layers of newer paint, are still detectable.
- The windows are two-storey gothic (pointed arch) style. They include wide curved mullions toward the top.
- The original square wood doorway has been replaced with a gothic design.
- The upper floor guard walls (the gallery) are original wood with decorated recessed panels, and are constructed around three walls of the Church.
- The upper floor's original rough sawn and sized wood planks are for the most part visible.

- The vestibule and the stairs leading to the upper floor are of rough sawn and sized wood planks.
- The ground floor main nave is lined with original wood decorated columns presently encased in newer plywood shells.
- The raised altar pulpit area is original beneath the newer carpet.
- The original lower floor planks are hidden beneath newer vinyl tile.
- An original wrought iron guard rail around the pulpit was replaced by a newer wood guard.
- The original simple brass suspended and ceiling-mounted light fixtures remain.